

BY THE WAY

While the House was in session yesterday afternoon, Speaker Matthews found opportunity to hold conversation in the corridor with Mr. W. C. Peeples, assistant district superintendent of the Western Union, who has been working against bills affecting his company.

"Rather undignified of the Speaker, and in bad taste," was the comment of an official, who was a witness of the scene.

The conservatism desired by the leading railway companies of the State, as voiced by their chattel, the Times-Union, was expressed in the Senate yesterday.

Peter Knight thought so, and he is reckoned an expert judge of "conservatism."

He said to Mr. Peeples: "I hold no interest in the Western Union, but I must congratulate you on the result of this morning. It is a sign that conservatism yet exists."

It seemed to be a happy day for Mr. Knight. "Conservatism" still existed, and the franchise tax was run onto a sidetrack that has chances of being extended to the graveyard of legislation.

A busy man about the House yesterday was Peter Knight. At both morning and afternoon sessions he was present; having unbended sufficiently to come out of his parlor to catch the fly in the open, like the common bunch of lobbyists.

With a House Journal in his hand, the pages turned to the vote that failed to indefinitely postpone the creation of Pinellas County, Peter checked a name here and there, talked to this member and that member and sent for others to come and speak with him.

After he had made his canvass he boasted: "I'll show those fellows something. I'll change that vote to-morrow." The Pinellas bill comes up in the House to-day and the roll will indicate whether Peter could make good his claim.

Those stag socials at the Leon, so much enjoyed by those on the visiting list of Mr. Knight, seem to have been discontinued; on account of business reasons, probably. For two evenings past he has been content to mingle with the crowd in the lobby—how appropriate that word. Last night but one visitor entered the room of Peter—Representative Hooker of DeSoto. Two others started down the hallway for that purpose—one going about half way and the other to the door, but each reconsidered and retraced his steps.

By the bands ye shall know them—the smokers of Peter Knight's cigars. The red band, with "Smokelover" thereon, is a sign that it came from a box belonging to Peter, and when a Senator, who is known far and near, as one and when a Senator, who is known far and near as one sharper of legislation, was seen smoking a cigar so labeled, in the Senate yesterday, the mirth of his immediate colleagues was unrestrained.

APRON SALE NEXT TUESDAY.

The apron sale to be given by the King's Daughters, which was postponed on account of inclement weather, will be held at the Armory Tuesday afternoon, May 7, at 4 o'clock.

Aprons of every description from the daintiest to aprons for housekeepers and servants will be offered for sale. The proceeds of the sale to go to the hospital fund and the citizens of Tallahassee are urged to give it their usual generous support. Cakes, sherbets, ice cream and home-made candies will also be on sale.

The Fiery Serpents.

The fiery serpents mentioned as having been sent to bite the Jews during their wandering in the wilderness are said by some commentators to have been so called not from their appearance, but because their bite occasioned high fever and intense inflammation. There is a common species of sand viper in parts of Arabia whose biting occasions the same symptoms today.—St. James' Gazette.

The pain of a mosquito bite is caused by a poison which the insect injects for the purpose of making the blood fluid enough to suck.

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DID NOT CRUSH WESTERN UNION.

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a happy bunch confronted it. This bill was slated for passage, because it was not "drastic."

This bill provides a penalty for delay in the delivery of messages, the mental anguish features were eliminated and the penalty placed at \$10.

Senator Beard asked that this bill be informally passed as a House bill, then the Senate on second reading would more fully prevent the evils aimed at.

Senator Crane did not agree with this opinion, and declared that the Senate bill was ample in its provisions.

In reply, Senator Beard said: "I would rather have this bill than have no law at all, but the House bill is better, and I think it the part of wisdom to hold the Senate bill back until action could be taken on the other. The penalty is higher, and the provisions broader."

The motion was lost and the bill was passed, with one dissenting vote, that of Senator Neel, who did not think the telegraph companies should be held liable.

A bill that seemed to have a great deal of merit, and one, too, that nobody would have believed would have aroused opposition, was that by Senator Crews, requiring County Commissioners to keep a detailed record of expenditures in the district of each.

Senator Crews spoke for the bill, and related instances of dishonesty that would have been prevented if such record had been kept.

Senator Crane declared he could not see the good of such a law, and besides it would entail a great deal of extra bookkeeping. He thought the best method was to elect honest men.

This suggestion brought the retort from Senator Crews that it "was much easier to keep books than to elect an honest man."

"It is a good bill," said Senator Trammell, "because a detailed itemized record of each district is needed, and the record would be accessible to all."

Senator West of the first did not believe such a law was needed, and referred to the statute concerning publication of expenditures. He thought this covered all that was necessary.

Senator Girardeau agreed with this view, saying: "It is a good bill, and I intend to vote for it. The present law gives an account in lump sum, that none but an expert accountant could dump out what it covered, while with this bill the people are immediately informed just for what purpose and how much money is used."

The bill passed, 22 yeas to 6 nays, those voting no being Senators Clarke, Crane, Massey, Willis, Withers, West of the First.

The bill of Senator Ains, providing State supervision of county prisoners, was also passed at the afternoon session by a vote of 21 yeas to 8 nays.

In addition to the two mentioned, seven other bills were passed during the afternoon session, among them that appropriating \$15,000 for a monument on the Chickamauga battlefield.

Thirteen bills were introduced yesterday, among them being:

To appropriate \$4,000 for the West Florida Fair, at De Funiak, by Senator Neel.

Relating to the establishment of Juvenile Courts, by Senator Hudson.

MAY PAY TO-MORROW.

The annual May pargiven by the ladies of the Tallahassee Improvement Society will take place at the Lewis Park Friday afternoon May 3, at 5 p. m.

All children are cordly invited to meet at the kindergarten room in the weaving of the Leon Hotel at 4:30 p. m. to join in the float parade.

A cordial invitation extended to all to come and join in the May festivities.

HOUSE WANTS NO GAG RULE.

Col. Nat Walker, reading clerk of the House, disposed of another lot of double "e's" lurking beneath his lid early yesterday morning and the day proceeded without a repetition.

The day previously the reading clerk was called to account by the gentleman from Manatee for having called him "Pedigree" instead of Pettigrew. The first resolution yesterday morning was one by Mr. Malone of Monroe to amend the rules, so that a motion to table an amendment would carry with it the subject matter to be amended. "A resolution by Mr. Mee-lone—" called the clerk, but the member from Monroe was on to the clerk in a jiffy, not by verbal interruption, but psychis communication. The clerk paused and glanced at the Key West statesman, and continued with the reading, the merest ghost of a smile lurking about his features. But the amendment to the rules was not adopted. The members concurred in the opinion offered by several that it would be equivalent to a gag rule, and shut off needful debate.

NO OPPOSITION TO PETTIGREW'S RESOLUTION.

Representative Pettigrew of Manatee yesterday had the satisfaction of seeing his two resolutions of the day before go, without debate, to the committee for engrossing. One was for calling a convention by Congress for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to provide for the election of the Senators by the people. The other was favoring an amendment to the Federal Constitution, to provide for a tax on incomes and inheritances. The resolutions were read the one time and passed to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Uncle Sam Now Employs Several Hundred Thousand People at Good Salaries.

The growth of the national Civil Service System is well illustrated by a statement recently published, showing that since Theodore Roosevelt became President 72,000 additional government employees have been put in the classified service—that is, their successors must be appointed under the competitive examination system. Practically the only large group of government appointees now outside of the classified service is that made up of the fourth-class postmasters.

During the last three years, for which statistics are available, 108,578 persons have received appointments, and the number of appointments this year seems likely to be greater than that of any previous year.

The rural free-delivery service is spreading rapidly. The number of routes in operation March 1, 1906, were 35,031; there were then 3,424 pending petitions for new routes, of which 294 had been assigned for establishment.

The liberal pay and vacation and sick-leave privileges, together with the easy hours of government service, and the splendid opportunities presented for advancement, have made the Civil Service very attractive; and more and more people are taking the examinations every year.

The remarkable rise in Civil Service of such men as George B. Cortelyou, who, starting as a stenographer, is now Postmaster-General; M. O. Chance, who has advanced from the position of messenger to that of chief clerk of the great Postoffice Department; Richard Perry Covert, formerly a stenographer, now chief of the appointment division of the Postoffice Department; William Loeb, Jr., Secretary to President Roosevelt; Jasper Wilson, Secretary to the Secretary of Agriculture; Frederick I. Allen, Commissioner of Patents; Oscar J. Ricketts, foreman of the Government Printing Office, and many others, has been an inspiration.

The large number of competitors means, of course, that a somewhat higher passing average is now necessary in order to be certain of an appointment. Those who receive appointments are usually those who have spent months in preparing for the examination.

The preparation for a Civil Service Examination is of a special nature, and many of those who have passed and received appointments would not have been able to do so but for the training afforded by the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pa. These great Schools have had fifteen years of experience in teaching by mail, and have spent more than one million dollars in preparing home-study text-books. While most thorough, their instruction is so clear that anyone able to read and write can understand it.

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